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AS KEY SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEMS

MISSOULA--

Lt. Gov. Bill Christiansen says he is glad the Arab oil embargo forced us to look at our energy situation. In "The Energy Crisis: A Challenge of Global Dimension," the lead article in the spring issue of the "Montana Business Quarterly," which was published Friday (June 7) at UM, he says the lesson to be learned is that infinite energy demands cannot be satisfied by finite energy sources.

Christiansen, who is coordinator of the Montana Energy Advisory Council, says he does not expect the development of new energy sources to solve our problems in the next 10 years, and warns that Montana's coal production cannot be miraculously tripled or quadrupled in a short time frame.

In the MBQ article, he points out that the state's laws have enough muscle to insist that if development comes to Montana, it comes on terms dictated by Montanans.

Much has been said about 1980 as a target date for "Project Independence," in which the U.S. is expected to become independent of other nations for its energy needs, but Christiansen sees all-out and continuing conservation of all energy sources as the only certain solution to the problem.

The MBQ is available by subscription or for \$1 per copy from the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.

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